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## II. Maintenance of international peace and security

### F. Consideration of the working paper submitted by Ghana on strengthening of the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes

1. The working paper on strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes, submitted by Ghana at the 2016 session of the Special Committee (A/71/33, annex) in follow-up to its 2015 concept paper on the same subject (see A/70/33, annex II), was referred to during the general exchange of views held at the 284th and 285th meetings of the Special Committee, on 21 and 22 February 2017, and was considered at the 1st meeting of the Working Group of the Whole.

2. During the general exchange of views, several delegations expressed their support for the working paper, noting that the subject was topical and relevant to the work of the Special Committee and that it could serve the practical purpose of helping to fill gaps in the work of the Organization. It was noted that various regional and subregional arrangements or agencies played an important role in the maintenance of international peace and security, in terms of both enforcement action and conflict prevention.

3. Some delegations recalled the discussion of the working paper during the intersessional informal meeting held on 2 February 2017 and encouraged the sponsor delegation to submit a revised working paper in the light of the comments it had received. It was emphasized that any proposal should fully conform to the Charter of the United Nations and should go beyond the existing mechanisms for



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such cooperation, including the Declaration on the Enhancement of Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Arrangements or Agencies in the Maintenance of International Peace and Security[1] referred to in the working paper.

4. At the 1st meeting of the Working Group of the Whole, the sponsor delegation explained that the working paper was aimed at filling any gaps that existed in the working relationship between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies with regard to the coordination of their activities, for example, in such areas as regional security, preventive diplomacy, peacekeeping and post-conflict peacebuilding. It thanked the delegations for their constructive engagement and expressed the intention to submit a revised working paper, on the basis of the comments it had received, at a future session of the Committee.

5. The sponsor delegation was encouraged to develop guidelines to facilitate cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations.

[1] See General Assembly resolution 49/57, annex.